

**STAGGERING FIGURES.**

Secretary of National Baptist Publishing Board Presents Encouraging Report at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 12.—(Reciprocal news service.)—With a report brim full of facts and figures that were appealing, pleasing and commending, the Rev. R. H. Boyd, was heard before the National Baptist Convention in this city. The twenty-second annual report on the work of the National Baptist Publishing Board and its plant located at Nashville, Tenn., occupied the center of the stage when it was read. It is in pamphlet form and shows that about \$200,000.00 had passed through the institution during the past year which closed August 31st. The business department alone representing the manufacturing plant where everything can be turned out from a postal card to a cyclopedia, or from a calling card to a Bible, hand handled \$185,000.00, an increase of more than \$10,000.00 over any previous year of its existence.

When Dr. Boyd was introduced by the Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D., the chairman of the Board, who had served in the capacity for twenty-three years, a deafening applause greeted him by the Baptists who had gathered from every section of the United States at this annual convention. The increase in the circulation of Sunday School literature, the increase in the production of religious tracts and methods, the improved method of Sunday School work with the new periodicals and improved paraphernalia for prosecuting the work were given much attention in Dr. Boyd's report and address. No attempt was made to read the entire report, it was emphasized during the remarks that not played by the Board itself in the withstanding the prominent part butting their part towards winning the war, having fourteen stars in their service flag they had met every adverse condition such as shortage of labor, high price of material and the increase in the cost of labor to the entire satisfaction of all. Dr. Boyd showed that a news press, one of the latest designs, a duplex perfecting, enormous cost capable of turning out had only recently been installed at an the newspaper publications with more rapidity. The invoiced value of the plant was shown to be more than \$350,000.00, those on the pay roll number 151, while the operating expenses of the plant for the past fiscal year aggregated \$400.00 per day.

"Our whole desire has been to promote better religious literature from a Baptist point of view and to keep steadily employed Negro men and women who are not able to find similar employment in institutions operated by members of the other race. We only want an open door to opportunity and a better regulated commercial enterprise for the rising generation. I am willing to give the remainder of my years for the service of my people," declared the venerable secretary, who is now entering his seventy-sixth year. When he had finished a number of addresses complimenting his work were made by the leaders of his denomination.

**N. A. A. C. URGES CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION.**

(Associated Negro Press.)  
Anburn, N. Y., Sept. 20.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People importunes the Citizen to join with the other American papers and individuals to take action by Congress toward an investigation of the institution of lynching.

It sends us facsimile clippings from Southern newspapers announcing in Advance the fact that such an hour a Negro would be lynched and burned.

We read under big headlines in the New Orleans States "That Three Thousand Will Burn Negro," we see in the Jackson, Miss., Daily News, the headlines: "John Hartfield Will Be Lynched by Ellsville Mob at 5 O'clock This Afternoon," and so on through newspaper accounts of crimes to be committed with absolutely no effort of local or state authorities to prevent the commission of such crimes.

One newspaper account says: "Negro Jerky and Sullen as Burning Hours Nears," while this sort of "special" accompanies the head: "As 4 o'clock approaches John Hartfield, assailant of the Ellsville white girl, is being carefully guarded in the office of Doctor Carter of this city. The wounded Negro has confessed and seems very nervous. Dissension has broken out among the indignant citizens as to what disposition should be made of the prisoner. Some of the angry citizens, it's said, want him burned."

We have quoted enough to re-

veal the grave character of this kind of lawlessness as it grows steadily in our nation.

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